

**Island County Board of Health  
Regular Meeting - Monday, December 17, 2012  
Minutes**

**DUE TO THE UNAVAILABILITY OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR TODAY'S MEETING, MINUTES ARE IN HARD COPY FORMAT ONLY. THERE IS NO AUDIO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING.**

**Members Present:** Commissioners Helen Price Johnson, Angie Homola and Kelly Emerson; Scott Dudley, Mayor of Oak Harbor; Captain Edward Simmer, MC, USN, Ex-Officio Member; and, Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board.

**Members Absent:** Anne Tarrant, Whidbey General Hospital Commissioner.

**Call to Order:** Chair Angie Homola called this Regular Meeting of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:15 p.m.

**Additions or Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Chair called for the approval of the minutes of the November 19, 2012 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Price Johnson moved for approval of the minutes as presented. Commissioner Emerson seconded. As Commissioner Homola was not in attendance at the November meeting, she asked for a brief update on the response to the letter received from Ms. Wehrman regarding the Skylark water system. Keith Higman advised the Board that Ms. Wehrman had been provided a detailed response to her questions. Since that letter was sent, Mr. Saar has hired a consultant and a new water system design will be submitted. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

**Reschedule of January 2013 & February 2013 Regular meetings:** Commissioner Emerson suggested considering a permanent change to the Board of Health's regular meeting day and time which occasionally conflicts with the day and time of the ICOM meetings. Commissioner Price Johnson suggested tabling the conversation to allow time to gather more schedule information. In consideration of date conflicts with the January 21<sup>st</sup> 2013 and February 18, 2013 Regular meetings with federal holidays, Commissioner Price Johnson moved to reschedule the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to a Special Session on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to a Special Session on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings will meet at the usual 1:15 p.m. and in the Commissioners Hearing Room. Mayor Dudley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Appointment of 2013 Board Chair:** Commissioner Emerson expressed an interest in acting as Board Chair for 2013 and nominated herself to do so. Mayor Dudley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Input or Comments:** The Chair invited members of the public who wished to provide input or make comments to indicate their wish to do so. David Macys, Oak Harbor resident, wanted the opportunity to personally thank Commissioner Homola for her work while serving in office and thanked all of the Board for their service.

**Contracts:** Keith Higman presented contracts to the Board for their consideration.

1. 2013 Medical Service Consultation – Christopher Spitters MD  
Contract No. HD-23-12  
Contract Amount:       \$     12,500 (Not to exceed)
2. Department of Ecology – Groundwater Monitoring Network Expansion  
Contract No. G1300065  
Contract Amount:       \$     30,000

Commissioner Emerson moved that the contracts be approved as presented. Mayor Dudley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Legislative Updates:** Keith Higman told the Board that as the State Board of Health identifies its priorities, he looks forward to working with this Board to begin identifying its priorities in January. Keith told the Board that the Community Health Advisory Board has offered to work with this Board to create the opportunity for a conversation with state and local legislators in either a meeting or forum format. If that cannot be scheduled, a visits to legislators might be an option. Commissioner Price Johnson will be sitting as the Vice President of the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) and will also sit on the 2013 legislative steering committee of that body.

Washington State's public health system has developed an "Agenda for Change". The action plan has five components:

- 1) Preventing communicable disease and other health threats
- 2) Fostering healthy communities and environments
- 3) Public Health partnering with the health care system
- 4) Modernizing the system as a whole
- 5) Developing a coherent, sustainable funding approach

Keith will provide the Board with an electronic copy of the full "Agenda for Change" document. Commissioner Homola suggested possibly holding a separate meeting to brainstorm ideas. Board members discussed a possible retreat which could include Human Services and Law & Justice. Commissioner Price Johnson expressed her interest in quality improvement and thanked Jill Wood, Environmental Health Director, for attending the recent Kaizon training. Keith told the Board that he believes mental health is a public health issue. Commissioner Price Johnson suggested the Board would benefit from regular updates from Human Services staff. Commission Emerson commented that the Clean Air Agency had worked with a consultant who helped that agency to define its priorities. Keith said he would look into their process and report back with more information at the January 2013 meeting.

**Board Comments/Announcements:** Commissioner Price Johnson thanked Commissioner Emerson for offering to act as Board Chair next year. Commissioner Homola talked about her recent visit to New Zealand and her observations on their handling of septage. Keith Higman thanked Commissioner Homola, on behalf of Health Department staff, for her service.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business before the Board, Chair Angie Homola adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be a Special Session held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioner's Hearing Room (B102) in the Court House Annex Building.

Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roger S. Case, MD  
Executive Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2013  
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Kelly Emerson, Board Chair